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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY

TO VISIT WASHINGTON

REF: (A) STATE 42231 (B) OSLO 703

BEGIN SUMMARY. THE NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WILL BE REQUESTING APPOINTMENTS ON APRIL 3 OR 4 FOR THEIR UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TORMOD PETTER SVENNEVIG, TO CALL ON THE ASSISTANT SECRETARIES FOR EUR AND ARA. I RECOMMEND THAT THESE APPOINTMENTS BE ARRANGED IF POSSIBLE, AND ALSO THAT SVENNEVIG BE RECEIVED FOR A COURTESY CALL ON THE UNDER SECRETARY OR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY IF AT ALL CONVENIENT. END SUMMARY.

1. WE HAVE USED THE INFORMATION IN REF A IN A FOLLOW- ON DISCUSSION WITH SVENNEVIG OF HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO CHILI AND CUBA.

2. SVENNEVIG PLANS TO RETURN VIA WASHINGTON AND WILL HAVE ONE FULL DAY THERE, APRIL 3 OR 4. HE TELLS US HE WOULD LIKE IF POSSIBLE TO CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL (WHOM HE MET WHILE BOTH WERE ASSIGNED TO MOSCOW IN 1963) AND ALSO TO SEE THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY/ ARA. I THINK BOTH APPOINTMENTS
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WOULD BE DESIRABLE, AND I RECOMMEND A COURTESY CALL ON UNDER SECRETARY PORTER OR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY IF EITHER CAN BE ARRANGED.

3. I UNDERSTAND SVENNEVIG WAS FAVORABLY KNOWN TO OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW, WHERE HE WAS SERVING AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION WHEN CALLED BACK TO OSLO BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT LAST OCTOBER, AND WE HAVE FOUND HIM HELPFUL HERE. HE IS YOUNG (44) AND STILL SOMETHING OF A NEOPHYTE IN HIS ROLE AS NUMBER TWO MAN IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT WILL PROBABLY NOT SURVIVE NEXT SEPTEMBER'S ELECTIONS, BUT SVENNEVIG IS IN A KEY POSITION FOR AT LEAST THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, AND TIME SPENT IN HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTATION WITH HIM WILL BE A GOOD INVESTMENT. AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN INTERAGENCY PREPARATIONS OF NORWAY'S NEXT LONG-RANGE DEFENSE BUDGET (WITH ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR NATO BURDEN-SHARING) AND ALSO IN PLANNING FOR POST-WAR AID TO VIETNAM. OTHER TOPICS DEPARTMENT OFFICERS MIGHT USEFULLY DISCUSS WITH HIM ARE THE PROPOSED VISIT TO BARCELONA BY THE NATO ON CALL FORCE FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN, THE DESIRABILITY OF ACCREDITING A NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR TO SAIGON, RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA, MBFR AND CSCE, AND, OF COURSE, OUR VIEWS ON US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS IN GENERAL. SVENNEVIG WOULD DOUBTLESS WELCOME ANY NEWS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT TO OSLO BY THE SECRETARY (CF. STATE 44078).

4. NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR GUNNENG WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO ARRANGE A SCHEDULE FOR SVENNEVIG.
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